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Public Service Commission of South Carolina Docketing Department 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Docket Number 2006-219-C

Letter Requesting Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds pursuant to 47 CFR §54-314 and Telecommunications Act §254(e) – Windstream South Carolina, Inc.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a letter from Windstream South Carolina, Inc. f/k/a Alltel South Carolina, Inc. ("Windstream") requesting a letter from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina to the Federal Communications Commission and to the Universal Service Administrative Company certifying that Windstream is in compliance with all provisions of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act..

Also attached please find an affidavit from Windstream as self-certification.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record with a copy of the letter from Windstream and the affidavit.

Raleigh Very truly yours,

Burnet R. Maybank, III

sjn Enclosures

cc: Nanette S. Edwards, Esq. All Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket Number 2006-219-C

Windstream South Carolina, Inc. Requesting Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds Pursuant to 47 CFR §54-314 and Telecommunications Act §254(e) Federal Communications Commission CC Docket 96-45

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Shirley J. Neal, an employee of Nexsen Pruet, LLC, hereby certify that on this 19th day of August, 2008, served a copy of the attached Letter of Request from Windstream South Carolina, Inc. in the above-referenced matter to the persons below by causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Postal Service, via first class postage prepaid to and addressed as shown below:

Ms. Florence P. Belser, Esquire Office of Regulatory Staff Post Office Box 11263 Columbia, SC 29211 fbelser@regstaff.sc.gov

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☐ Electric/Telecommunications	Answer	Motion	Request for Investigation
Electric/Water	Appellate Review	Objection	Resale Agreement
Electric/Water/Telecom.	Application	Petition	Resale Amendment
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Gas	▼ Certificate	Petition for Rulemaking	Response
Railroad	Comments	Petition for Rule to Show Cause	Response to Discovery
Sewer	Complaint	Petition to Intervene	Return to Petition
▼ Telecommunications	Consent Order	Petition to Intervene Out of Time	Stipulation
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August 7, 2008

Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni, Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds pursuant to 47 CFR §54.314 and

Telecommunications Act § 254(e);

Federal Communication Commission CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mr. Terreni:

This letter is to request that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") submit a letter to the Federal Communicatons Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") certifying that Windstream South Carolina, Inc. (formerly known as Alltel South Carolina, Inc.) is in compliance with all provisions of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The amount of federal high-cost support Windstream South Carolina, LLC ("Windstream") will receive in 2009 will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a) and, as the attached affidavit shows, Windstream certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

The FCC's rules requires that, in order for carriers to receive the federal support for which they are eligible, state commissions file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. If certification is not received by the FCC on or prior to October 1, 2007, federal support for universal service in the areas serviced by Windstream within South Carolina will not be eligible for support in the first quarter of 2008. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d).

Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavit as self-certification that Windstream is in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §54.314 and 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2008 certifying that Windstream South Carolina, Inc. is in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Act and therefore eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2009.



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Please let Burney Maybank or I know if you have any questions about this matter. Burney can be reached at 803-540-2048.

Sincerely,

Jayne Eve by: Jean Wood

cc: C. Dukes Scott, Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff

Joseph M. Melchers, Esquire Burnet R. Maybank, III, Esquire

James White

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ARKANSAS **COUNTY OF PULASKI**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Michael D. Rhoda, who deposed and said:

My name is Michael D. Rhoda. I am employed by Windstream South Carolina, LLC as its Senior Vice President - Regulatory and Wholesale. I am an officer of Windstream South Carolina, LLC (the "Company") and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

Windstream South Carolina, LLC hereby certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2009 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

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FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Senior Vice President-Regulatory & Wholesale

STATE OF ARKANSAS COUNTY OF PULASKI

Acknowledged before me this 7th day of August 2008, by Michael D. Rhoda, as Senior Vice President - Regulatory and Wholesale of Windstream South Carolina, LLC who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sandra Jean Wood

Printed Name of Notary

Personally Known Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced